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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/04674 filed on May 15, 2002.

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For: FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A CIGARETTE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Twenty-five (25) pages
- Nine (9) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2001-162884 filed in Japan on May 30, 2001.
  - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - Certified copy(ies) will follow.

- Executed Declaration     Original     Photocopy
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- Preliminary Amendment
- Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/04674 filed on May 15, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- Other:

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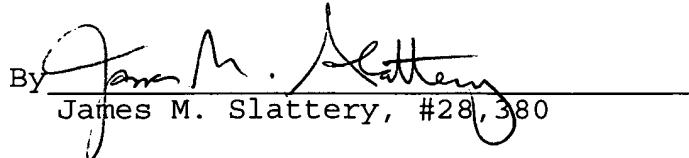
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